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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, the attention of the Examiner is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Neither this Statement nor the listing of these documents on Form PTO-1449 is an admission that these documents are prior art as to the Applicants or a representation that a search has been made or that no more pertinent documents exist.

Of these documents, Japanese Patent No. 2914214 and Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Applications Hei. 8-19892, 8-323495, and 9-19790 are discussed on page 4 of the present application.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent No. 2914214 is not available, so the English abstract of JP 08-267270 is attached to the copy of Japanese Patent No. 2914214. JP 08-267270 is the Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application corresponding to Japanese Patent No. 2914214.

The remaining documents were cited in the International Search Report issued in the international stage of the present application. A copy of the search report is attached as an explanation of the relevance of those documents.

The Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the referenced patent application.

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